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THE OLD SEXTON.



I gather them in _ and their final rest, "
Is here, down here on the earth's dark breast.

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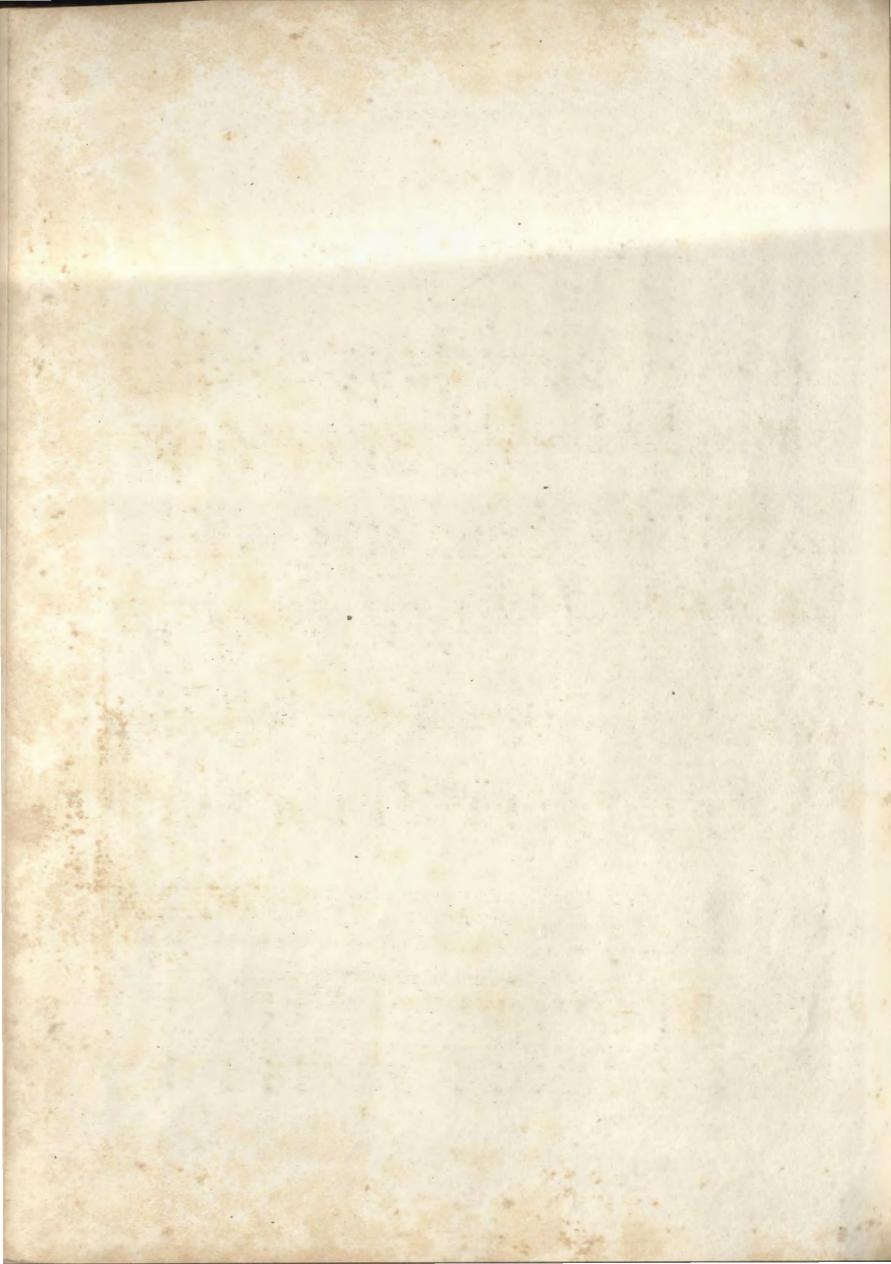
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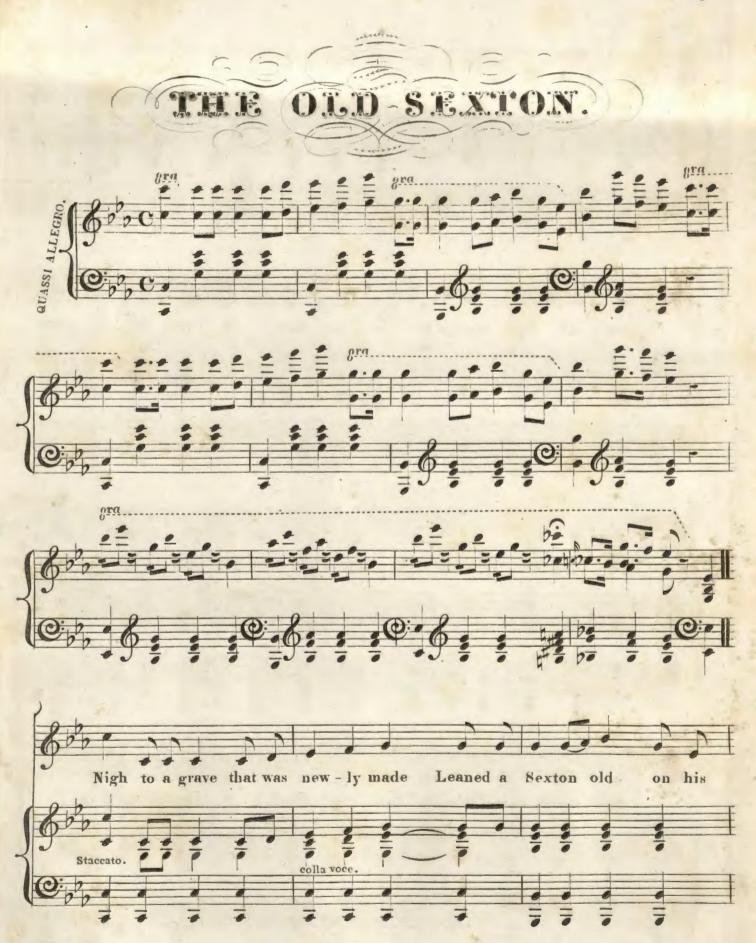
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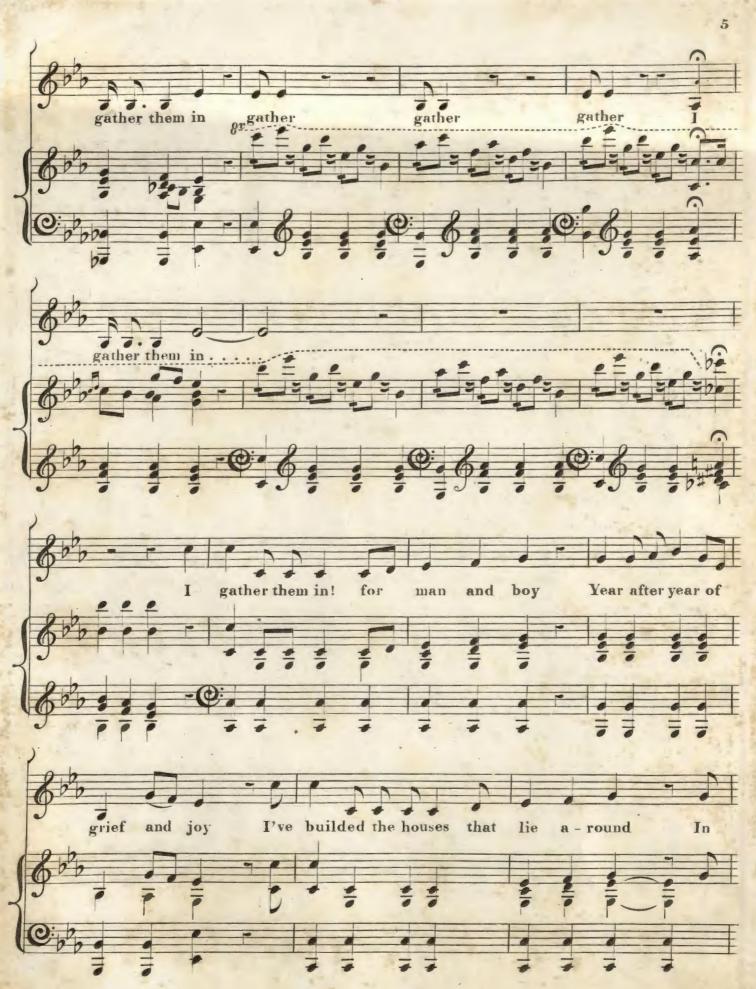
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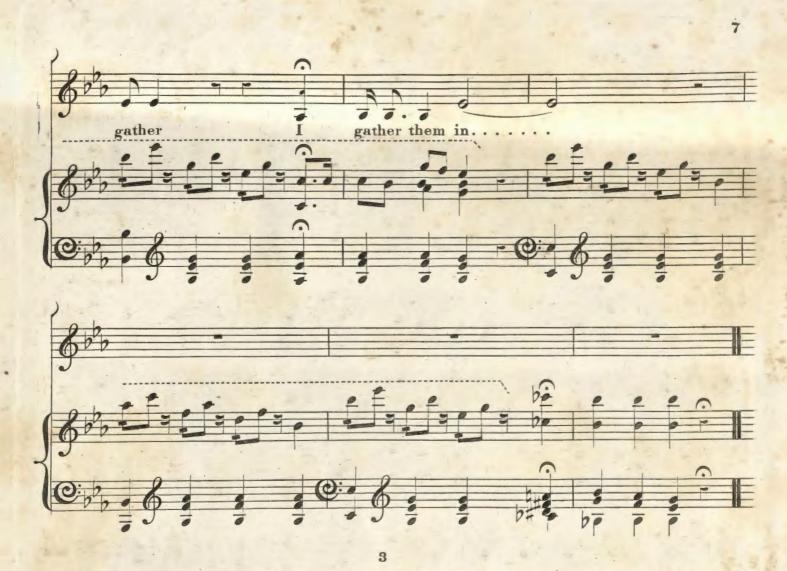












Many are with me but still I'm alone
I'm king of the dead—and I make my throne
On a monument slab of marble cold
And my sceptre of rule is the spade I hold
Come they from cottage or come they from hall
Mankind are my subjects—all, all, all
Let them loiter in pleasure, or toilfully spin—
I gather them in! I gather them in!

I gather them in—and their final rest
Is here down here in the earth's dark breast
And the sexton ceased—for the funeral train
Wound mutely o'er that solemn plain
And I said to my heart—when time is told
A mightier voice than that sexton's old
Will sound o'er the last trump's dreadful din—I gather them in! I gather them in!

